

House Resolution No. 90

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who are devoted to enhancing the diverse character of the arts found in local communities and neighborhoods throughout this state; and

Whereas, Annelise Mertz of Saint Louis, Missouri, has earned distinction for her selection for a 2004 Missouri Arts Award in the category of Arts Education in light of her enhancement of educational curriculum within a school system; and

Whereas, chosen for this prestigious honor by a specially formulated committee of arts experts selected and chaired by the Missouri Arts Council, Annelise Mertz will be presented with her Missouri Arts Award on Wednesday, February 11, 2004, in the capitol rotunda; and

Whereas, Annelise Mertz is a professor emerita of dance at Washington University, founder and former director of the dance division of the University's performing arts department, founder and former artistic director of the Washington University Dance Theatre and the Saint Louis Dancers, and founder and first president of Dance Saint Louis; and

Whereas, in her role as choreographer, Annelise Mertz designed performances at the Edison Theater, Saint Louis Art Museum, New York's Cooper Union, and the Akademie der Künste in Berlin, Germany; and

Whereas, prior to her emigration from Germany after World War II, Annelise Mertz was a professional dancer with the Jooss Tanz Theater, Berlin State Opera, and the Municipal Theaters of Düsseldorf and Darmstadt:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments of Annelise Mertz and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon her selection for a Missouri Arts Council Missouri Arts Award in the Arts Education category; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Annelise Mertz of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 90, adopted January 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker